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SUBJECT: JEWEL SMUGGLING SCANDAL

REF: SEOUL 6087

1. SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SEPTEMBER 16
INDICTED 35 PERSONS ON CHARGES OF TRAFFICKING IN SMUGGLED
JEWELRY. AMONG THOSE INDICTED WERE WIVES OF NINE "SOCIALITES"
INCLUDING WIVES OF FORMER NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR CHAE WON-SIK,
SNU AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DEAL PYO HYON-GU (WHO
REPORTEDLY HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION OVER SCANDAL), TAE
HAN COAL PRESIDENT KIM TOK-HWA, SISA NEWS SERVICE VICE
PRESIDENT KIM HUI-CHONG, ARMY COLONEL PAE TAE-KI, AND
FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN KANG SONG-WON.

2. PROSECUTION SEPT. 17 ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD NO EVIDENCE
AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THOSE INDICTED. THIS
ANNOUNCEMENT HAS LED PRESS TO SPECULATE THAT GOVERNMENT IS
INTENTIONALLY LIMITING SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION TO PROTECT HIGH RANKING
OFFICIALS. CONSTRUCTION MINISTER YI NAK-SON WHO RESIGNED
SEPT. 17 (SEPTTEL) IS ONE OF HIGH ROKG OFFICIALS WHOSE WIVES
ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED GEMS WITH ILLICIT FUNDS GAINED WHILE IN
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OFFICE. OTHER RANKING OFFICIALS ARE ALSO RUMORED TO BE CAUGHT

UP IN SCANDAL.

3. NDP HAS TERMED PROSECUTION ANNOUNCEMENT OF
INVESTIGATION RESULTS "UNSATISFACTORY" AND PLEDGED TO
"DIG OUT THE TRUTH" IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.
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